Funds for Development of Small and Cottage Industries

214. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme for development and promotion of small and Cottage Industries in the Country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the funds proposed, sanctioned, released and actually utilised for the purpose by Government during the Ninth Plan; and

(d) the effective measures being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (d) For the promotion of Small Scale Industries in the country in addition to the on-going Schemes/Programmes, the Government has announced a comprehensive policy package on 30.8.2000, which *inter-alia*, includes enhanced fiscal and credit support, better infrastructural and marketing facilities and incentives for technology upgradation. A Credit Guarantee Fund Trust has been created to provide loan upto Rs. 25.00 lakhs without collaterals. A scheme to provide 12% back ended Capital subsidy on projects of technology upgradation by SSI units in the specified sectors/sub sectors has been formulated. For the development of cottage industries, the schemes formulated include training for upgradation of skills of the existing/new craft persons, design and technological development, setting up of Craft Development Centres, Common Facility Service Centres in identified clusters, exhibition and publicity, revival of languishing crafts, web-based geographical information system on handicrafts and setting up of Urban Hatt. During the Ninth Plan, an amount of Rs. 4304.00 crores

has been earmarked for development of small scale industries sector in the country, out of which an amount of Rs. 3918.98 crores has been allocated upto 2000-2001 and an amount of Rs. 2514.68 crores has been sanctioned up to 31st January 2001. The progress of these schemes is being regularly monitored at appropriate levels.

Employment through KVIC

215. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide employment to the rural people of Arunachal Pradesh through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission; and

(b) if so, the villages of the State where employment has been provided to the people during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) So far 87 villages have been covered under the KVI programme. The information relating to names of villages is not maintained centrally.

Infrastructure Development for SSI

216. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress of the Integrated Infrastructure Development works for Small Scale Industries in Arunachal Pradesh; and

(b) the details of the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?